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HAWAII MOVES TOWARD PROHIBITION.

Whether by congressional action or a vote of the people here, it is evident that Hawaii will move into the "white" prohibition column before long.

The best information obtainable from Washington is that there is comparatively small hope for "dry" legislation at this session, but very much hope for the next session. It is still possible, however, that the coupling of Hawaii and Alaska together may give reason for immediate action by this Congress. If the "dry" bill passes the house, favorable senate action is virtually certain.

So rapid are the strides of prohibition that the great liquor interests of the country are on the verge of panic. They are ready to throw the saloons overboard; ready to make any concession that will save their distilleries and breweries.

For instance, the National Model License League, controlled by these big interests, met in Louisville early this month. Concerning its meeting, a dispatch says:

LOUISVILLE (Ky.), January 2.—At the annual meeting here today of the National Model License League, plans were announced to curtail and modify the retail liquor business in order to make it conform readily to public sentiment throughout the country. The plan has been endorsed by the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association of America and by a majority of the brewers of the United States.

The plans include "reduction in the number of retail liquor licenses; the automatic removal of law-breakers from the liquor business immediately upon conviction of violation of law; fixing of reasonable license fees; issuing of licenses in such form as to be wholly independent of political influence for repeal, and making whatever changes in the retail liquor business as may be necessary to meet the demands of public sentiment."

How different is this spirit from the bold defiance with which the intrenched captains of Boose used to confront the efforts of the "reformers!" For generations the big liquor interests have been steeped in politics; have defended and sheltered law-breakers; have worked industriously to increase instead of lessen licenses; have refused concessions. But they are on the run now.

Col. C. P. Iaukea's appointment by the president as secretary of the territory is a concrete evidence that the governor's standing in Washington with Mr. Wilson and Secretary of the Interior Lane is unimpaired. Some of the silly rumors to the contrary, which have been about in Honolulu, are also answered in a cablegram to the Star-Bulletin from its Washington correspondent today in which it is stated emphatically there is no advocacy of Collector Franklin to succeed Mr. Pinkham. The value of Col. Iaukea's appointment to the administration and to the territory will be measured by the extent to which the office is lifted from that of a figurehead position to one of helping to shape and carry out progressive policies for Hawaii. As a recognition of the Hawaiian race, the appointment is a graceful act.

"What Shall We Do for the Tourist?" is answered—for one important portion of the tourist crowd—in another column today where a news story tells of the Hawaii Tuna Club's activities. This club is doing a great deal of real work—work with a very enjoyable present and a very large future. It is a splendid promotion factor.

Quietness on the western front indicates that the British "masks" wore off on New Year's.

UNCOVERING THE "BOMB PLOTTERS."

It is no surprise to those who have been following the "Bopp case" in the San Francisco papers that the German consul-general at San Francisco and his associates have been found guilty of conspiracy to blow up ships and trains carrying munitions to the Allies.

Those on trial were Consul-General Franz Bopp, Vice-Consul E. H. von Schack, Lieutenant Wilhelm von Brincken, an attaché; Confidential Agent Charles C. Crowley and his secretary, Mrs. Margaret W. Cornell.

As witness after witness for the prosecution took the stand, there was revealed an amazing story of activity by German agents, in which the German consulate was plainly involved. The work of the U. S. secret service was indicated in the perfection of detail with which Crowley and his fellow-agents had been tracked. The evidence built up against them was overwhelming. Their movements were shown to be in close connection with the dynamiting jobs or attempted jobs. Documents, letters and similar matter had been collected in such mass that when Crowley went to the stand for the defense his only course was a general blanket denial, which he made. But to offset almost every point in his denial, the government had witnesses who contradicted him.

The main defense of Consul-General Bopp and his associates is that the agents in their employ were not hired to do dynamiting jobs or by other illegal means to block the munitions traffic of the Allies, but to secure information as to this traffic—information later to be used in a claim, on behalf of the German government, that U. S. neutrality was being violated.

Against this, the government offered evidence to prove that after dynamiting jobs had been pulled off, confidential agents of the consulate and even some of its officials, were concerned in the payment of money to the men who did the jobs.

Bit by bit the fabric of evidence was built up against the German officials. Blanket denials could not suffice to discredit this evidence.

It was soon apparent either that the German officials were the victims of a series of damning coincidences as strange as ever conceived in fiction, or else that they were the motive forces in illegal plots against the peace and safety of the United States. Evidently the jury took the latter view. To explain all their activities on the ground of coincidence was too much.

The conviction ought to convince Germany and German sympathizers in this country—if any further convincing is necessary—that such plots and plotters will not be tolerated. These San Francisco cases are the last remaining of a considerable number which the U. S. sleuths worked upon shortly after the beginning of the war. The Lieut. Fay case, the Stahl case, and particular the von Papen and Boy-ed cases, have shown beyond any reasonable doubt that these "bomb plotters" felt that they had the support of their government in their nefarious operations. Not until the United States uncovered plots which led into the very doors of the embassy at Washington did the German government disavow responsibility for or sympathy with the law-breakers. It was left for the United States government to run the malefactors sternly to earth and reveal the amazing extent of their work. The stinging rebuke to Germany through the demand for the recall of von Papen and Boy-ed then followed.

QUEEN HEADS NEEDLEWORK GUILD OF AMERICA, NOW LAUNCHED HERE

Organization of the local branch of the Needlework Guild of America has been nearly perfected. Mrs. John Wood Stewart, the founder of the guild and one of its mainstays for 30 years, now a visitor in Honolulu and mover of the local work, announced today the outline of the organization.

Queen Liliuokalani has consented to be honorary president, this announcement being greeted with much cordiality by the workers. Mrs. Walter F. Dillingham has been elected president and a number of vice-presidents, representing every nationality, are to be named later, some of which have already been chosen. Mrs. Wm. A. Love is secretary and L. Tenney Peck treasurer.

THOMAS NOW DUE FRIDAY EVENING

Wireless advices from the army transport, Thomas, received this morning state that the vessel will arrive here at 5 o'clock tomorrow evening. She was out a distance of 538 miles last night at 8 o'clock.

Officials at the quartermaster's office say that the Thomas will dock at Pier 6 and will probably sail some time on Monday. She is bringing 38 bags of mail.

Col. L. M. Brett, Cavalry, is on the transport and it is predicted that he will take command of the 4th Cavalry in place of Col. John F. Guilfoyle, who left last week on the Logan.

An exceptionally large number of troops are on the Thomas. The list includes 423 enlisted men for Oahu; 72 for Manila; 30 from the Marine Corps for Guam; 20 marines for Manila, and 150 navy men for Manila.

The passenger list as revised through advices today is for Honolulu as follows:

Col. L. M. Brett, Cavalry; Lieut. D. E. Cain, Field Artillery, wife and child; Lieut. E. Senlacek, Field Artillery, and wife; Pay Clerk Harry Lawson, U. S. N.; Col. S. L. Faison, Infantry, wife and children; Maj. M. J. Henry, Quartermaster Corps, and wife; Maj. Hugh D. Wise, 25th Infantry; Capt. H. C. Merriam, general staff; Capt. J. M. Loud, 25th Infantry; Lieut. Lester D. Baker, 2nd Infantry, and sister, Miss Isabel Baker; Lieut. C. M. Havercamp, 4th Cavalry; Lieut. Frank Hadra, M. R. C.; Lieut. E. C. Wallington, C. A. C.; Moberg, Q. M. C.; and wife, Q. R. Richards, Q. M. C.; G. R. Richards, Q. M. C.; Coppersmith, A. J. Robinson, navy; Mrs. R. B. Cox and son; Mrs. Mary T. Moore, teacher; Vaughan MacCaughy, professor at College of Hawaii; Mrs. A. J. Briggs, Mrs. James Groome and child; Mrs. J. J. Hogan and children; and Miss Rena Miller.

OFFICERS WILL CHANGE PLACES

Six officers on the detached list, now on the mainland, are included in an order placing them with local regiments and will probably on the next transport from San Francisco. They are as follows:

First Lieut. William R. Schmidt, to the 32nd Infantry.

First Lieut. William H. Jones, Jr., to the 2nd Infantry.

First Lieut. Karl C. Greenwald, to the 1st Field Artillery.

First Lieut. John M. Eager, to the 1st Field Artillery.

First Lieut. David E. Cain, to the 9th Field Artillery.

First Lieut. Ernst Sedlacek, to the 9th Field Artillery.

The following officers of the local department will sail on the next transport for the mainland, reporting for duty in the Western department:

First Lieut. William A. McCulloch, 32nd Infantry.

First Lieut. Thomas C. Spencer, 2nd Infantry.

First Lieut. Percy Deshon, 1st Field Artillery.

First Lieut. Wilbur Rogers, field artillery, is also relieved from duty with the 1st Field Artillery and ordered to San Francisco.

Officers will be installed at a business meeting of Honolulu Chapter No. 1, R. A. M., to be held at 7 o'clock this evening.

red to the commission the sheriff can reinstate an officer he has suspended if he shall so desire.

The following section presidents have been named:

Mrs. William A. Love, Mrs. A. G. M. Robertson, Mrs. F. E. Steere, Mrs. Arthur Vap, Miss Eleanor Sturgeon, Mrs. Robert Dubbin, Mrs. J. S. R. Pratt, Mrs. F. J. Lowe, Mrs. A. A. Hobson, Mrs. Jessica T. Pascoe, Mrs. C. L. Force, Mrs. George A. Brown, Mrs. J. G. Zabriskie.

Each section president represents at least 55 members and 110 garments, so that, Mrs. Stewart estimated this morning, the league already numbers more than 1500. She is confident it will do a great and useful work in Honolulu.

There will be another meeting, on Saturday at 10 a. m. at the Y. W. C. A., to which the public is cordially invited. Suggestions are encouraged.

ROTARIANS HEAR LIVE WIRE TALKS

Two unusually interesting talks by mainlanders featured the Rotary Club's regular weekly luncheon today. J. R. Ellison of the Ellison-White Chautauqua Company told something of the great Chautauqua business that has grown up in the last few decades, and John Wood Stewart of Glen Ridge, N. Y., who is in Honolulu partly to look into the possibility for a silk manufacturing industry here, dwelt briefly on that topic and added something of South America and of the favorable impressions he has received here.

Mr. Ellison revealed to the Rotarians something of the financial guarantees with which William Jennings Bryan is surrounded when he goes lecturing on the circuit. The peerless Nebraskan gets the first \$250, which comes "through the gate" and one-half of the proceeds over \$500. "That is a very fair contract," the speaker added, "and he might get a great deal more if he wishes to gauge, but Mr. Bryan is not a goosing man. He gives away more speeches than he makes for pay. However, he manages to keep the wolf from the door by making two or three of these speeches a day at the rate I mentioned."

Ellison said that he has been sent here by the Chautauqua managers to study up Hawaiian conditions and prepare for Hawaiian features on the circuit. He said that while Hawaiian music is popular, some of the music passed off as Hawaiian is not bona fide and he is here for a first-hand insight into island matters.

Mr. Stewart said that he has not made up his mind as to the establishment of a silk industry here, but is getting all the data together.

"In any case," he assured the businessmen present, "we would not come in on a big scale. I realize that the labor supply here is limited and we are not in business to take labor from others. Our establishment would be but a small one, which would not interfere with the labor supply of your interests in Hawaii."

Stewart added that he had had some thoughts of spending a large amount of his time here, but that the coastwise navigation laws, preventing passenger travel to and from the coast, have deterred him. He referred to the laws as "ridiculous."

GOOD FILMS TO BE CONSIDERED

The first meeting for the year 1917 of the League for Good Films takes place Friday, at 5 o'clock at the Library of Hawaii.

The work of the league has been fully discussed in the papers at various times and its organization a few months ago, but few people realize the constant effort necessary in keeping the flame of public interest aroused, say its backers.

The principal work of the league has been centered upon the Friday afternoon matinees at the Liberty theater and in order to make this a success it is necessary for much public sympathy and support to be brought to the front. This is many times very difficult to get. The public school children are the matinee's ardent attendants, but as the price of their admission has been cut to a minimum the results are meager.

Two cantoniers have been put to work repairing the belt road at Kipapa Gulch. Chairman Arnold of the road committee stated when informed that complaints had been heard that the condition of the road there was becoming dangerous.

REV. W. D. WESTERVELT WILL LECTURE AT Y. W.

Rev. W. D. Westervelt will lecture at the Y. W. C. A. this evening on "Early History of Hawaii." He will go back about 1500 years for his beginning, taking legends as the foundation of the history of the people of that day. Rev. Mr. Westervelt is an author of many books on legends and is entirely familiar with his subject. The last lecture, given by R. J. Baker, was well attended, more than 150 members of the association being present. So much interest was created at the last meeting that it is expected that a banner crowd will be present to hear the talk this evening.

COMPANY I MEMBERS TO FURNISH DANCE MUSIC

Five members of Company I, 1st Hawaiian Infantry, National Guard, will furnish the music for dancing next Saturday evening at the armory in the hushed hall to be given there under the auspices of the Enlisted Men's Club.

Sgt. Bruce W. Sheldon, sergeant-instructor of the regiment, is in charge of the dance and promises a good time to all who attend.

Charged with concealing and otherwise handling opium, John Pinto pleaded guilty in federal court this afternoon and was sentenced to one month in prison and to pay a fine of \$100 and costs.

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Waiting Till the Carnival is here, is just one of those ways of wasting opportunities. People Wish to Be and ought to be reminded well in advance of any special event.

The Man Who Promotes Trade thinks for the people, puts suggestions before them, and helps them solve the problem.

The Time to Make these suggestions is well in advance of the event.

Waiting Till the last minute leaves everything to the days that are crowded full and the rush and the hurry cause lots of details to be forgotten.

The Result is the merchant does not make the money that he might and the public does not secure the service that it might just as well have.

Carnival Business should be signaled by early Paid Publicity.

Paid Publicity is Service.

ALLEGES BULLET DID NOT GLANCE

Other persons who narrowly missed possible serious injury from the random bullet fired by Policeman Daniels last Friday night on Kaimuki street, when Kaimuki, a fugitive reform school boy was shot and caught, have come to the attention of the Star-Bulletin. They are Richard Gosling and George H. Angus, both of Theo. H. Davies & Co., who were working in the hardware department the night of the shooting.

Angus had just left his desk and gone home, but Gosling was still busy in the office when the bullet crashed through the big plate glass window, cut diagonally across a desk where he had been working just a few minutes before and imbedded itself in the opposite wall. Gosling tells an interesting story of the occurrence:

"When I heard the first shot I naturally sat up and took notice. It was no fun sitting in a big place, all alone with all lights on, thinking that someone outside was taking a pot-shot at you. When I heard the next bullet tear through the glass I thought seriously of getting behind one of the big iron safes. Then I heard the boy scream and soon learned the cause of the shooting. The bullet didn't glance; it came right through the window."

Charges Are Not Filed

From the civil service commission it is learned that no charges have been preferred against either Officer Daniels or Officer Ocampo. The sheriff may suspend an officer for 30 days. If charges be preferred to the civil service commission that body must set a date for a hearing, within 30 days. The sheriff cannot discharge, that power lying with the commission, but he can demand a resignation and accept it. It would also seem that in the absence of charges being preferred

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